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FROM NEA/ARN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASIG, IZ

SUBJECT: ARN INSPECTION: BAGHDAD

REF: PECK-CASEY TELCON

1. S/IG IS ADVISING YOU BY SEPTTEL OF TEAM PARTICIPANTS,
REVISED DATES (OCTOBER 14 THROUGH 24, AND ARRANGEMENT
REQUESTS.

-- IN THE IRAQ PORTION OF ITS COUNTRY DIRECTORATE MEMO-
RANDUM, NEA/ARN INTENDS TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS
OF THE CONDUCT OF OUR RELATIONS.

-- ATMOSPHERE - IRAQ'S HARD-LINE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE US;
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PAST PRESENT RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORS, POSTURE TOWARD THE
WEST; TENSIONS WITH THE USSR.

-- NATURE OF RELATIONS - LIMITED POLITICAL CONTACT, EFFORTS
TO EXPAND IN NON-SENSITIVE AREAS, NEED FOR NORMALIZATION,
ISSUES WHICH DIVIDE US.

-- POLICY PROCESS - PARTICIPANTS, IMPACT OF TERRORISM,
BOYCOTT LEGISLATION ON, COORDINATION WITH HA, M/CT, AND
ROLE OF POST AND P.O. IN FORMULATION OF.

-- POLITICAL FUNCTIONS - LIMITED AGENDA, PROBLEMS WITH
AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.

-- ECONOMICS - IRAQ'S PRESENT LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT, INVEST-
MENT POTENTIAL, LACK OF GOI STATISTICS.

-- TRADE - TRADE PROMOTION POLICY, IMPACT OF ANTI-BOYCOTT
REGULATIONS AND IRAQI ATTITUDE /ACTIONS ON US EFFORTS.

-- INFORMATION - DEPT/ICA ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEW INFO
OFFICER POSITION.

-- ALIENS - KURDS, IRAQI CHRISTIANS

-- ADMINISTRATIVE -- WASHINGTON ASPECTS OF BAGHDAD ADMIN
PROBLEMS: CONSULTATION, COOPERATION, UNDERSTANDING,
ALACRITY.

3. YOU MAY WISH TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE ABOVE FROM YOUR
PERSPECTIVE. IT ALSO OCCURS TO US THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL
TO DISCUSS SOME OF THE FOLLOWING TOPICS.

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--ACCESS - OFFICIAL CONTROLS, GOI ATTITUDE TOWARD,
IMPACT OF ON POLITICAL FUNCTIONS.

-- POLICY PROCESS - POST PARTICIPATION IN, SUGGESTIONS FOR
IMPROVING COORDINATION.

-- POLITICAL FUNCTIONS - QUALITY OF COORDINATION/GUIDANCE
FROM DEPARTMENT, RELEVANCE OF SPECIAL DEPT REQUESTS.

-- TRADE - COMMENTS ON CURRENT US PROGRAM TO PROMOTE.

-- INFORMATION - EFFECTIVENESS OF DEPT SUPPORT/COORDINATION
IN EXPANDING CULTURAL PROGRAMS.

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